



West Valley City **POLICE**

Office of Chief Lee W. Russo

3575 South Market Street, West Valley City, Utah, 84119

Journalists Invited to Take Part in Reality Based Training

DATE: **October 8, 2014**

CONTACT: Roxeanne Vainuku, Public Information Officer
Office: (801) 965-7678
Mobile: (801) 509-1375
Roxeanne.vainuku@wvc-ut.gov

The WVCPD would like to invite a journalist from your organization to participate in a reality-based training exercise along-side our own officers. In reality-based training, individuals are presented with a variety of scenarios, then provided the opportunity to respond with the tools available to an officer, including the drawing and use of a firearm.

The training utilizes role-play methods to act out real-world scenarios faced by law enforcement agencies throughout the state. This method provides a level of realism that cannot be duplicated in any other way. The interactive exercises are open-ended and participants are unaware as to what is about to unfold before them. The purpose is to present an officer with a high stress situation, then analyze their performance.

We have arranged for journalists to participate in these scenarios as if they were an officer, test their own responses, have their performance analyzed and have it documented with a body-worn camera. Equipment for the scenarios will be provided for participants. We are also working to make the video from the journalists' body cameras available to them for use in their stories.

Please contact Roxeanne Vainuku as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

What: Reality Based Training

Where: The Old West Valley Animal Shelter, corner of 7200 West 4100 South

When: Thursday, October 9, 12:00pm

###